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RE: U.S. Serial No. 10/706,729  
Applicant: Peter Baumann et al.  
(Our Reference: BAUMANN ET AL.-2 (PCT)(DIV))

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MESSAGE:

Enclosed is a Response to Restriction Requirement dated October 7, 2004.

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APPLICANTS: PETER BAUMANN ET AL. - 2 (PCT) (DIV)  
SERIAL NO.: 10/706,729 EXAMINER: M. SAVAGE  
FILING DATE: NOVEMBER 12, 2003 GROUP: 1724  
TITLE: LIQUID FILTER, ESPECIALLY AN OIL FILTER

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 7, 2004,  
Applicants respectfully respond as follows:

An Election of Species begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Election of Species:**

The Patent Examiner has required the selection of one of the following species of pin arrangements for further prosecution:

Species P1: Figure 1  
Species P2: Figure 5  
Species P3: Figure 7  
Species P4: Figure 8  
Species P5: Figure 9

Election: Applicants respectfully elect, with traverse, the invention of Species P2 (FIG. 5) with claims 26-39 readable thereon.

The Patent Examiner has required the further election of one of the following species of retaining means for further prosecution:

Species R1: Figure 1  
Species R2: Figure 9  
Species R3: Figure 10  
Species R4: Figure 11

Election: Applicants respectfully elect, with traverse, the invention of Species R1 (FIG. 1) with claims 26-39 readable thereon.